

Appl. No.: 10/616,429
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Reply to Office Action of June 6, 2005

REMARKS

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-62 were pending, with claims 1-12, 17-41, and 49-62 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-62 are canceled herein. Claims 63-76 are added. Claims 63-76 are therefore now pending.

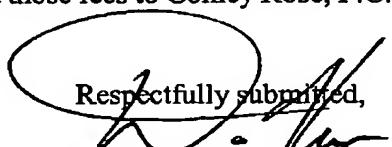
New Claims

Added claims 63 and 70 include language from original claims 47-48, though most of the unnecessary verbiage and some of the unnecessarily limiting language has been eliminated. Applicant submits that independent claims 63 and 70, along with their dependent claims 64-69 and 71-76, are allowable for at least the same reasons as original claims 47-48.

Conclusion

In the course of the foregoing discussions, applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

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